

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 807

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kerri Margaret Crawford,  
2002 Salutatorian of Claiborne County High  
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Kerri Margaret Crawford is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2002 graduating class at Claiborne County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Kerri has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Miss Crawford has earned an exemplary 3.9556 Grade Point Average; she is a member of the National Honor Society since her Sophomore year, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, a four-year member of the Scholars' Bowl and a three-year member of the Beta Club Quiz Bowl; and

WHEREAS; Kerri has been involved in numerous school activities, including three years in the Junior Classical League, serving as Vice President as a Sophomore and President as a Junior; three years in the Beta Club, serving as Reporter as a Junior and Vice President as a

Senior; Secretary of HOSA as a Sophomore; Treasurer of the Science Club as a Sophomore, and President as a Junior and Senior; Reporter of the 4-H Club as a Junior and Teen Leader in both her Junior and Senior years; a member of the Talent Search Leadership Team in her Junior and Senior years; Assistant Editor on both the Yearbook and Newspaper Staffs as a Junior; a Mock Trial Attorney, a Senior Play cast member and a member of VICA in her final year; and

WHEREAS, Miss Crawford has been active within her community throughout her high school career; as a Freshman, she participated in Christmas Cards for the Elderly, Little League Softball, and the Tazewell/New Tazewell Volunteer Fire Department; as a Sophomore she continued with Little league Softball, was a developer of the Talent Search Nursing Home Visit, and participated in the Beta Club Litter Pick-Up, the American Cancer Society's Luminary Sale, and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life; as a Junior she was an Angel Tree sponsor, a developer of the American Cancer Society's Story Telling event, the American Cancer Society's Yard Sale, and the 4-H Canned Food Drive, as well as participating in the Beta Club Litter Pick-Up and the Beta Club St. Jude's Fundraiser; during her Senior year, in addition to being a Boy Scout, she participated in Valentine's Day at the Nursing Home, Coats for the Cold, and the Toiletries Drive, as well as serving as a developer of the Beta Club donations for New York City and a Leadership team member of the Talent Search Cemetery Clean-Up; and

WHEREAS, Kerri has received a host of academic awards, including the Geometry, Chemistry and Latin II awards in her Sophomore year, as well as the United States Achievement Academy English Award and First Place in the Claiborne County High school Science Fair; as a Junior she was a 4-H Honor Club member, a United States Achievement Academy All-Star Scholar and the United States Achievement Academy Graduation Marshal, received a Dual Credit American History Award, and was the Third Place Winner in the Claiborne County High School Science Fair. In her final year, Kerri was again a 4-H Honor Club member and United States Achievement Academy All-American Scholar as well as earning a place on the United States Achievement Academy Honor Roll; she won third place in the

Tennessee Mock Trial District Competition, was a Morristown Tribune Stand-Out Student, and was the winner of the Cathryn Rivers-Johnson Memorial Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Kerri's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; she plans to pursue a career in pediatric neurology at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with the goal of working both in research and patient care; and

WHEREAS, Miss Crawford's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Kerri Crawford's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Claiborne County High School Salutatorian, Kerri Crawford, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.